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Dear Sir:

Please be notified that we will not be filing the required items listed in the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on July 16, 2001. This is based on the representations by Ms. Monica Young at the Initial Patent Examination Division's Customer Service Center on August 15, 2001, as well as periodic telephone conversations with her thereafter, that her office will convert the above referenced nonprovisional application to a provisional application without any further filings on our part.

The Patent Office filed the application as a nonprovisional because it was mistakenly sent in with a utility application cover sheet (albeit clearly labeled as a provisional application). For the past few months we have been told by Ms. Young that the Patent Office will handle the conversion of the nonprovisional to a provisional application without any further documentation on our part. Now, on the eve of the deadline stated in the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, we have not yet been notified as to whether the conversion has been completed.

If there is any problem or if you have any questions, please contact me immediately. I can be reached at the telephone number listed below.

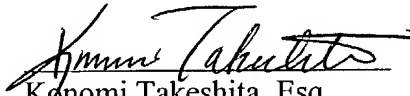
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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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